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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that Alicia Yvonne Gladney, 34 of Marietta, GA, was sentenced yesterday in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division, to 24 months of incarceration on bank fraud and money laundering charges related to her involvement in an identification theft scheme. She was also ordered to pay \$50,000.00 in restitution.

From 1998 through 2002, Gladney, often assisted by others, stole personal identifying information and personal checks from unsuspecting individuals. This information was then used to open fraudulent credit accounts or to add Gladney and the others as authorized users on existing accounts. They would also deposit checks that were stolen or drawn on fraudulently opened accounts into their personal accounts, withdrawing funds credited on those deposits as quickly as possible before the financial institutions involved became aware of the scheme. One of Gladney's victims included an 83-year old man who was suffering from Alzheimer's, and from whom Gladney was renting a townhouse. The following individuals were previously sentenced on bank fraud charges in connection with this matter:

- Edwina Arlethia Burnett, 32, sentenced to 28 months of incarceration and \$37,085.60 in restitution; and
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- Aisha Devetta Mills, 27, sentenced to 1 day of incarceration and \$270.00 in restitution.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Moore prosecuted the cases for the United States.

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